

Husband:

**GAETANO SACCO**

Born: 20 May 1831 Aversa, Caserta, Terra di Lavoro, Regno delle due Sicilie  
 Married: 12 December 1852 Piedimonte d'Alife, Terra di Lavoro, Regno delle due Sicilie  
 Died: 1 April 1887 San Lorenzo, Napoli, Provincia di Napoli, Regna d'Italia  
 Father: FILIPPO GIROLAMO SACCO (20 April 1809 - )  
 Mother: MARIA ROSALIA D'ANGELO (4 June 1794 - 26 June 1849)

Wife:

**MARIA GIUSEPPA DI MUCCIO**

Born: 10 March 1829 Piedimonte d'Alife, Terra di Lavoro, Regno delle due Sicilie  
 Died: 1885/86  
 Father: PASQUALE DI MUCCIO (7 January 1803 – 13 November 1877)  
 Mother: ANTONIA IACUZIO (29 December 1805 – 30 July 1874)

Issue:	When:	Where: Provincia di Terra di Lavoro
		Regno delle due Sicilie
1) VINCENZO SACCO	6 October 1853	Piedimonte d'Alife
2) ROSARIA ADELINA SACCO	2 March 1856	Piedimonte d'Alife
3) MARIA ANTONIA VINCENZA SACCO	13 June 1858	Piedimonte d'Alife
4) MARIA CONCETTA SACCO	<b>9 February 1861</b>	<b>Piedimonte d'Alife</b>
<u>Regno d'Italia</u>		
5) MARCELLINA GIUSEPPE SACCO	25 May 1867	Piedimonte d'Alife
6) VINCENZO SACCO	11 August 1868	Piedimonte d'Alife
7) GIUSEPPINA PEPINA SACCO	December 1869	<i>Piedimonte d'Alife</i>

On their marriage license, dated 11 December 1852, GAETANO is listed as a coachman and MARIA is a peasant woman. It states that notification was posted in Aversa on 18 July. It also states that GAETANO'S mother was deceased. They were married at *Chiesa di Ave Gratia Plena* and witnesses were ANTONIO MARINO and LUIGI CURCIO.

They first lived on *Strada San Filippo*. This is where VINCENZO was born; his birth certificate gives the year as 1868; annotated to the certificate is a hand-written correction to the year changing it to 1863 from the archivist; which is correct is not certain. MARIA is listed as a *spinner* in 1853. By 1856 they had moved to *Strada Capovallata* remaining there until 1867 at least when MARCELLINA was born. GAETANO'S occupation is *cocchiere* or coachman.

All the children were baptized at *Chiesa di Ave Gratia Plena*. MARCELLINA and PEPINA were identified in a letter from JOHN MATELENA to the author. They were said to live in New York City by 1910 and research has proved him right, down to knowing the street addresses! MARCELLINA'S birth certificate was found in 2018.<sup>1</sup>

By the naming of the children, it appears that their first son, named VINCENZO, died before 1863 when a second son was named VINCENZO. MARIA ANTONIA VINCENZA may have also died young however it was common to have the same first name of MARIA in the family, to commemorate the Virgin Mary, and the second, or middle, name was the name actually used in

daily life.

MARIA was alive when her daughter MARIA married in 1880 but died before her husband and GAETANO is known to have died in 1887. Her name does not appear in the available death registers from 1880 to 1887 and, since the 1885 and 1886 registers are not available and assuming she died in Piedimonte d'Alife, her death probably occurred in one of those two years. There is a chance she did not die in Piedimonte d'Alife, just as her husband did not die there in 1887.

As for GAETANO, his death record in Piedimonte d'Alife is found as the first one for the year 1888. He actually died exactly nine months earlier on 1 April 1887. Recorded on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January were the events that occurred between April and January. First one must know that residents who died outside of the jurisdiction of the Comune di Piedimonte d'Alife were only known to have died officially if there was an official notification from the jurisdiction where the death occurred. Second, all such notifications of death were held back from being recorded until the first day of the year following receipt of such a notification. Knowing these to be true, what the record states makes sense. At 6 am on 1 April 1887, GAETANO SACCO died at the *Ospedale di Incurabili* in the San Lorenzo section of Naples. The director of the hospital, GAETANO CRAPILLE, reported his death to authorities at 10 am whence it was recorded by GIOVANNI D'ANDREA as death number 361 of the San Lorenzo section. Being a hospital patient, they had all his pertinent information: a native of Aversa, living in Piedimonte d'Alife, the son of the FILIPPO SACCO and ROSALIA DE ANGELO, both deceased, and the widower of MARIA GIUSEPPA DI MUCCIO. Then GIOVANNI D'ANDREA made an extract of the register entry and forwarded it to the Mayor of Naples for confirmation as an exact copy, which was done, and it was sent to City Hall, Piedimonte d'Alife on 17 May. ALFONSO BILLI, the secretary at city hall in Piedimonte d'Alife, received the packet on 14 June 1887 from the Mayor of Naples which contained a true copy of the death register entry.<sup>2</sup> As noted above, the notice was held aside and recorded on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of

January in 1888. The *Ospedale di Incurabili* was founded in 1521 when *incurable* essentially meant *syphilis*. By the 19<sup>th</sup> century, this huge medical complex was one of the most advanced in Europe with doctors traveling from all over to learn the latest advances in medicine and pharmacology as well as the institutions own research on diagnostic techniques. Its patient base had expanded greatly beyond the early days when the dreaded *French Disease* plagued the kingdom. GAETANO's hospital records may still be available as the hospital continues to operate to this day.



Issue:

- 1) VINCENZO SACCO: died before 1863.
- 2) ROSARIA ADELINA SACCO: ADELINA was the name she went by after leaving Piedimonte d'Alife. ROSARIO SACCO married PIETRO DE MAIO on 15 June 1874 at 2 pm in the *Casa Comunale* (an office or bureau in the city government) in the Town Hall in Piedimonte d'Alife. The groom was a 23-year-old barber from the *quartiere Porto* in Naples, son of the

late ANTONIO, a military veteran, and *the living* ROSA PITERA, residing in Piedimonte. The bride was 18 and a seamstress, the daughter of GAETANO, a coachman, and MARIA GIUSEPPA DI MUCCIO.<sup>3</sup> They moved to Manhattan where *ROSARIO* became *ADELINA* in the early 1880's – the date of arrival has not been found. In 1900 they were living at 417 East 144<sup>th</sup> Street with ADELINA'S brother GIUSEPPE and sister PEPINA and PIETRO was a shoemaker. They moved to the building next door, 419 East 114<sup>th</sup> Street, where they raised their family. PIETRO died between 1915 and 1920. At some point after 1925, ADELINA moved the Bronx to live with her son ANTHONY at 943 East 219<sup>th</sup> Street. They had 6 known children:<sup>4</sup>

- a) ROSINA DE MAIO: born 1897. Was a ladies tailor; she does not appear with the family after 1915.
- b) ANTONIO DE MAIO: born 1899. Tailor for girls before 1920; for men by 1930. Bought home at 943 East 219<sup>th</sup> Street in the Bronx where his widowed mother and siblings CHARLES and MAGGIE lived. Wife named ANNA.
  - i) WALTER DE MAIO: born September 1929.
- c) VINCENZO DE MAIO: born 1901. Disappears between 1905 and 1920, resurfacing as *JAMES*, a tailor. He switched careers by 1925 when he was a printer; bought a house near his brother ANTHONY at 927 East 219<sup>th</sup> Street. His wife's name was MARY.
- d) VINCENZA DE MAIO: born 1902. Only found with family one time in 1915.
- e) MARGHERITA DE MAIO: born 1904. *MAGGIE* was a clothing finisher, factory worker and, in 1930, she was working as a bookbinder for a publisher. She lived with her brother ANTHONY in 1930.
- f) CHARLES DE MAIO: born 1905. Was working in a print shop as a printer in 1925, maybe with his brother *JAMES*. Moved to the Bronx when his brother ANTHONY bought a house at 927 East 219<sup>th</sup> Street.

3) MARIA ANTONIA VINCENZA SACCO: no information found.

4) MARIA CONCETTA SACCO: married GIUSEPPE MADDALENA on 15 July 1880 in Piedimonte d'Alife. (continued in separate file)

5) MARCELLINA GIUSEPPE SACCO: was thought to have moved to New York City but it turned out that it was ROSARIO ADELINA who married PIETRO DE MAIO and moved to Manhattan.

6) VINCENZO SACCO: He died at 10:30 pm on the 28 January 1884 at home, *41 via Annunziata*. His age is given as 21; he's a farm laborer and the son of GAETANO SACCO, coachman and MARIA GIUSEPPA DI MUCCIO, housewife.<sup>5</sup>

7) GIUSEPPINA PEPINA SACCO: moved to Manhattan in 1882-1883. Not much is known about early years. She shows up in 1900 at 417 East 114<sup>th</sup> Street living in the same building as her brother GIUSEPPE and sister ADELINA. She married NICOLA D'ALESSANDRO, born 16 June 1877, the son of CAMILLO D'ALESSANDRO and GIUSEPPA D'UVA, on 12 June 1898.<sup>6</sup> He owned the building where they lived, 417 East 114<sup>th</sup> Street, in 1900. He was a tailor and had his own business by 1925. They moved to the neighboring building at 419 East 114<sup>th</sup> Street by 1905 and by 1920 he owned that building. JOSEPHINA claims to have been naturalized in 1900 at the South District Court while NICOLA became a citizen in 1903 at the *Bronx Court*.

Moved, by 1925, to a single-family home at 264 East 205<sup>th</sup> Street in the Bronx. JOSEPHINA died on 21 October 1925 at home in the Bronx. Known as PEPINA her entire life, the informant guessed incorrectly that her name was *FILIPPINA* and that her mother was MARIA MUCCI though they did name her father correctly. She was buried in the *Gate of Heaven Cemetery* 3 days later.<sup>7</sup> The record does not give a location for this cemetery; it may be the one in Hawthorne, Westchester County, New York about 20 miles north of the Bronx. In 1930, NICOLA was renting a house at 815 East 181<sup>st</sup> Street in the Bronx (just as the author's GREAT-UNCLE JOHN MATELENA stated). ADOLPH is living with him as is a 32-year-old niece from France, HENRIETTA MONTGUILBY. She arrived in 1920 and was living in Washington Heights where she was a designer; in 1930 she's a dressmaker working from home so she may have still been a designer. Between 1898 and 1910 PEPINA had 7 children but only 2 survived.<sup>8</sup>

- a) CAMILIO D'ALESSANDRO: born 27 September 1899; died before 1905.
- b) ALBERTO D'ALESSANDRO: born 1902. Was a college student in 1925.
- c) ADOLFO MARIO CARLO D'ALESSANDRO: born 6 March 1907.<sup>9</sup> Became an engraver. Died October 1976, Westchester, New York,

COAT-OF-ARMS: *Red with a gold lion*

This is provided only for amusement and edification. There is no evidence whatsoever that our SACCO ancestors had any claim on any Coat-of-Arms, ever.

SACCO is the name of a Sicilian noble family:

Messina nobility in the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries – barony of Miri;

ALVARO SACCO – fief of Nimiri, sold to GILBERTO DE URSO 1443, which would have gone to his son GILBERTO SACCO;

ANTONIO SACCO is found in the list of *Mollico* in 1605.

“Il Galluppi la vuole originaria di Milano, nobile in Messina nei sec. XIII e XIV e posseditrice della baronia di Mirii. Un ALVARO SACCO, messinese, al dir del Barberi, possedette il feudo Nimiri, che donò nel 1443 a GILBERTO DE URSO, annullando la precedente donazione fatta al proprio figlio naturale GILBERTO SACCO; un messer ANTONIO è annotato nella mastra nobile del Mollica (lista XIX, anno 1605).”



Notes:

The registers from Naples available on the database of the Italian Archives are:  
 (<http://www.antenati.san.beniculturali.it/> )

**Napoli**

Quartiere *Avvocata*: Nati 1809-1859

Quartiere *Chiaia*: Nati 1809-1865

Quartiere *Fuorigrotta*: Nati 1813-1865

Quartiere *Montecalvario*: Nati 1809-1865; Morti 1809-1829; Matrimoni 1809-1853, 1865

Quartiere *Porto*: Nati 1815-1865; Morti 1809-1865; Matrimoni 1809-1865

Quartiere *Posillipo*: Nati 1804-1865

Quartiere *San Carlo all'Arena*: Nati 1832

Quartiere *San Ferdinando*: Nati 1804-1865; Morti: 1809-1865; Matrimoni: 1809-1865

Quartiere *San Giuseppe*: Nati 1809-1865

Quartiere *Stella*: Nati 1814-1862

Quartiere *Vicaria*: Nati 1852-1864; Morti 1809-1865; Matrimoni 1814-1862

Sent from one of the children of VINCENZO SACCO & ANGIOLE CARUSO; phone 0823/911725. This could be the son of GAETANO and MARIA despite the 6 (or 11) year difference in year of birth – the records are not always reliable. Review of the *Registri di Nascita* for Castello d'Alife for the years 1869 through 1884 did not uncover an entry for Vincenzo Sacco.

A VINCENZO SACCO, born 1874, Castello d'Alife, married ANTOINETTE FROMEO; they had:

- 1) GIUSEPPE SACCO
- 2) MICHELE SACCO, born 1898; married FERNANDA FERRARA; they had
  - a) VINCENZO SACCO: born 1931; married ANGIOLE CARUSO and moved to Piedimonte d'Alife. They had:
    - i) ASSUNTA SACCO: married GUGLIELMO CALLETTA
    - ii) ANTONIETTA SACCO: married MIRCO ANOÉ
    - iii) ANNA MARIA SACCO: married FRANCO BOLPATO
    - iv) IMMACOLATA SACCO: married MARCELLO NAVARRA
    - v) CARMELA SACCO: never married
    - vi) ELEONORA SACCO: married ANTONIO GREGO
    - vii) GIUSEPPE SACCO: married ANNA PITÓ
    - viii) KATIUSCIA SACCO: never married
  - b) MARIO SACCO: married ANNA SONIA, defunct line
  - c) COSTANTINO SACCO: married DONATA ROSI; moved to Isernia
  - d) PIERINO SACCO: married CARMELA DEFELICE, moved to Piedimonte d'Alife
  - e) CARMELA SACCO: married ANGO TRABVIO; moved to Venice; line defunct
  - f) ANNA SACCO: married MARCELLO TAMMARO
- 3) COSTANTINO SACCO
- 4) ANNA SACCO
- 5) ELVIRA SACCO
- 6) CONCETTA SACCO

ENDNOTES

<sup>1</sup> Stato Civile di Piedimonte d'Alife, 1866, Births No. 124. Digital copy at familysearch.org; their citation is: "Italia, Caserta, Santa Maria Capua Vetere, Stato Civile (Tribunale), 1866-1929," Piedimonte d'Alife > Nati, pubblicazioni, matrimoni, morti, cittadinanze 1866-1875 Nati, pubblicazioni, matrimoni 1876 > image 102 of 2988; Tribunale di Santa Maria Capua Vetere (Santa Maria Capua Vetere Court, Santa Maria Capua Vetere) Film roll 1801329, DGS 7063122.

<sup>2</sup> Stato Civile di Piedimonte d'Alife, Morti, parte 2, 1887, No. 1. Familysearch.org citation: "Italia, Caserta, Santa Maria Capua Vetere, Stato Civile (Tribunale), 1866-1929," Piedimonte d'Alife > Morti, cittadinanze 1876 Nati, pubblicazioni, matrimoni, morti, cittadinanze 1877-1893 Nati 1894> image 2052 of 3021; Tribunale di Santa Maria Capua Vetere (Santa Maria Capua Vetere Court, Santa Maria Capua Vetere) Film roll 1801411, DGS 7063123.

<sup>3</sup> Stato Civile di Piedimonte d'Alife, Matrimonio , 1874, No. 124. Familysearch.org citation: "Italia, Caserta, Santa Maria Capua Vetere, Stato Civile (Tribunale), 1866-1929," Piedimonte d'Alife > Morti, cittadinanze 1876 Nati, pubblicazioni, matrimoni, morti, cittadinanze 1877-1893 Nati 1894; Tribunale di Santa Maria Capua Vetere (Santa Maria Capua Vetere Court, Santa Maria Capua Vetere) Film roll 1801411, DGS 7063123.

<sup>4</sup> For references, see Joseph Matelena and Mary Concetta Sacco file. That biography has a more in-depth discussion of the 3 siblings while in New York City.

<sup>5</sup> Stato Civile di Piedimonte d'Alife, Morti , 1884, No. 18. Familysearch.org citation: "Italia, Caserta, Santa Maria Capua Vetere, Stato Civile (Tribunale), 1866-1929," Piedimonte d'Alife > Morti, cittadinanze 1876 Nati, pubblicazioni, matrimoni, morti, cittadinanze 1877-1893 Nati 1894> image 1722 of 3021; Tribunale di Santa Maria Capua Vetere (Santa Maria Capua Vetere Court, Santa Maria Capua Vetere) Film roll 1801411, DGS 7063123.

<sup>6</sup> "New York Marriages, 1686-1980," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F6H3YK> ) 10 Feb 2018, Nicola D'Alessandro and Giuseppina Sacco, 12 Jun 1898; citing reference ; FHL microfilm 1,504,028

<sup>7</sup> Extract from "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2WGGQ5>: 10 February 2018), Filippina D'Alessandro, 21 Oct 1925; citing Death, Bronx, New York, New York, United States, New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 2,168,662.

<sup>8</sup> *vide note 3.*

<sup>9</sup> "New York, New York City Births, 1846-1909," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2WHJK7>) 11 February 2018, Adolfo Mario Carlo D'Alessandro, 06 Mar 1907; citing Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, reference cn 13936 New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 1,991,512.